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▶ Toronto Maple Leafs Jay Rosehill, left, fights with Los Angeles Kings Kyle Clifford during first-period NHL hockey action in Toronto on Monday.

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L.A. Kings beat Leafs in shootout

Dustin Brown scored the only goal of a shootout Monday as the Los Angeles Kings wrapped up a road trip with a 3-2 victory over the Maple Leafs in Toronto. It was an unjust result for Maple Leafs goalie James Reimer, who was splendid, making 40 saves only to be let down by his teammates. The only pucks that got behind him in regulation were the result of bad bounces. **Story, page 45.**

Church St. buy 'outs' U.S. mayor

- **U.S. mayor at the centre of a spending scandal**
- **Has run on conservative, family-values platform**

A purchase made at a gay sex shop in Toronto then billed to taxpayers as a work expense has prompted a Republican politician in the United States to reveal he is gay.

A local newspaper revealed Greg Davis, the mayor of Southaven, Miss., had billed taxpayers for an estimated $170,000, including expensive dinners, a pricey family vacation and purchases at local liquor stores.

But it's the $67 for unnamed merchandise from Priape, a gay sex shop near the intersection of Church and Wellesley streets, that has caused the biggest stir for Davis.

When asked about the purchase last week, Davis told the Memphis, Tenn.-based newspaper The Commercial Appeal that he is gay and can no longer maintain a separation between his personal life and public life.

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Selective memory?

Greg Davis was in Toronto for a recruitment trip. He said he didn't remember what he bought at Priape.

- Priape specializes in DVDs, sex toys, leather and clothing, among other products catering to gay men.
- According to his website, Davis has a wife of 19 years, Suzann, and three young girls. He is currently serving his fourth term as mayor, and ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress in 2008.

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Airport rail build to start in spring

Cost of high-speed rail link from Union Station to Pearson airport is pegged at $128.6 million

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"Certainly, what we're about to do represents tremendous progress, given the existing alternatives."
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DALTON MCGUINTY

The airport rail link from downtown will take a step forward when construction begins next spring for completion before the 2015 Pan Am Games, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Monday.

The line — which piggybacks most of the way on the existing GO Train tracks to Georgetown — will include a new three-kilometre spur line branching off to Pearson's Terminal One. The project is pegged at a cost of $128.6 million, creating about 1,200 jobs, and will whisk passengers from the airport to downtown in 25 minutes.

But there's still no firm timetable or cost estimate for the promised conversion of the rail line from controversial diesel trains to electric ones that pollute less.

"Certainly, what we're about to do represents tremendous progress, given the existing alternatives," McGuinty said, noting the train between Union Station and Pearson International Airport will replace 1.2 million car trips a year.

He maintained the diesel trains will be "state-of-the-art" compared with older models, but added that, "we think we can, in fact, over the course of time and in an affordable way, move to an even cleaner option."

At least one critic remains skeptical there will ever be an electric conversion of the train service, which will pass through neighbourhoods every 15 minutes.

"The deadline around the Pan Am Games may get us an air-rail line, but after that there's no guarantee," New Democrat MPP Jonah Schein (Davenport) said after McGuinty's announcement at the future airport rail link terminal.

As for electrifying the line later, he added: "I don't' see the point in spending money twice."
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▶ A colour map of the rail link from Toronto Union station to Pearson airport.

Electrifying rail link would mean delays: CEO

The chairman of Metrolinx, the transit agency building the air-rail link, said it will take up to four years to do the required design work and environmental assessments for electrifying the line.

"If the decision after that is positive, we'd have to build out the electrification, so we'd be delaying the project by a significant number of years," said Rob Prichard.

"We believe the Greater Toronto Area needs this project as fast as possible, and that means going with the cleanest diesel technology in the world."

Fares for the new train won't be set until 2014, once all the bills are in. The price of a ticket will be set on a cost-recovery basis — more than a typical GO train ride but "well under" the typical $50 price of a cab or airport limo downtown, Prichard added.

TTC also runs all-day airport service from Kipling Station, for the price of a token.
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▶ Metrolinx president and CEO Rob Prichard.

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▶ Toronto Pearson airport

Pan Am Games put pressure on pre-2015 completion date

The Pan Am Games are in 2015, but the goal is to have the rail link in service the year before.

The spur line, at three kilometres, may not be very long, but it's still a "huge" construction project because it will come through an area east of the airport, roughly paralleling Highway 409 from the 401 to Pearson, said Toby Lenox, of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority.

The terminal at the airport will be on a platform between two lines of the existing "airport people-mover" cable-powered trains that whisk passengers between terminals at Pearson.

The giant concrete supports for the platform, beside a massive parking garage, have been in place since 2004.
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Dreaming of a white Christmas? Dream on

Toronto likely in store for third-straight green Christmas Last white Christmas was its snowiest ever, with 31 cm of snow on the ground in 2008

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▶ Monday's warm weather forced Tom Cajic to shed a couple layers while playing tennis in High Park.

Torontonians dreaming of a white Christmas can keep on dreaming.

Unseasonably warm temperatures — Wednesday's forecast high is 9 C — mean that even if the city sees some snow, it won't last long on the ground.

"If you really want a white Christmas, go to your nearest arena, take all those shavings from the Zamboni and spread them on your front lawn," said Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips. "That's the only chance you're going to have."

The odds of a white Christmas in downtown Toronto are just under 50 per cent, according to data kept since the 1950s. But those odds have dropped to about one in three in the past 20 years.

An official white Christmas in Canada requires at least 2 cm of snow on the ground in the morning, Phillips said. This Christmas day, the forecast calls for a 40 per cent chance of snow or rain.

The story is similar across Canada; Phillips said he's never seen a greener Christmas nationwide. Meanwhile, blizzard warnings on Monday called for up to 12 inches of snow in the U.S. southwest.

Peter Noehammer of the transportation department says the city should have "several million" dollars left in its $82 million snow clearing budget for 2011, assuming no big storms between now and Dec. 31.

A 15- to 20-centimetre snowstorm costs $3 million to $5 million to clean up, so one or two of those could eat up the surplus.

"We haven't actually had to send out our salt trucks, let alone plows. But what we have been doing is putting liquid salt brine down, and we've done that several times. We do that when

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conditions are likely to create frost on bridges, hills or intersections."

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Teacher banned after sex with teen student

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▶ Paola Queen

A former Toronto teacher who had sex with a teen student — and later bore his child — is now his common-law spouse and they have had a second child, say documents from an Ontario College of Teachers disciplinary hearing that banned Paola Queen from teaching again.

Queen pleaded no contest to professional misconduct, committing dishonourable acts, and "also acknowledges that she engaged in sexual abuse of a student" while she was a high school teacher, says the decision.

She admitted to having an "inappropriate consensual personal relationship with the student" starting in March 2006, which continued into the summer and the following school year.

The student then left Nelson A. Boylen Collegiate, and the relationship continued. Their first child, a girl, was born in May 2007.

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Zoo staff visit California sanctuary

Toronto Zoo staff members, including a veterinarian and animal keepers, are touring a California sanctuary this week, where three African elephants are poised to be moved in the spring.

It's the first time zoo employees have travelled to the Performing Animal Welfare Society in San Andreas, Calif., as part of a plan approved by city council and the Toronto Zoo management board to move the elephants to a warmer climate. The decision caused consternation among front-line staff who wanted the animals sent to an accredited zoo instead.

The visit comes a day after retired Price is Right host Bob Barker — who famously told his TV audience to "have your pets spayed or neutered" at the end of each show — said he would foot the bill to send Iringa, 42; Toka, 41; and Thika, 31, to the 2,300-acre sanctuary.

"I'm absolutely on top of the world to know that we're getting these elephants down here," Barker told the Star Monday.

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Trustee defends his tweeting

- 'I need a Christmas women in my life' read one tweet
- 'There are a lot of jokes in there': Catholic vice-chair

There are funny tweets, there are silly tweets and there's a fine line between the two, especially if the Twitter account is more official than personal.

Sal Piccininni, vice-chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, insists his tweets are funny and show his personality.

"It's not just a bland account," he said on Monday.

But minutes after a Toronto Star reporter left a voice mail asking about some tweets, Piccininni erased some of them and then changed his Twitter handle from salpiccininniTCDSB to just salpiccininni, even removing the description of his job as vice-chair of the board.

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▶ Sal Piccininni

The tweets the paper asked him about?

"I need a Christmas women in my life" was posted on Dec. 17 while "@xtinaaaxo holy sh-t your left-handed whateverrrr" was posted Sunday night.

The tweets were in response to his friends, he said.

"I just look at it as a social tool," said Piccininni, adding that he didn't think he was crossing a line.

John Del Grande, another trustee for the Toronto Catholic District School Board and an avid tweeter, said it's important to exercise caution in the twitterverse.

"You have to extend caution when you are associated with a public institution or a recognizable entity," he said. "At the end of the day, you are an individual person but … people associate you with that position."

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Airport. Photos

▶ Microsoft and Pearson airport have partnered to offer free holiday photos to domestic travellers, in support of a year-end Windows campaign called the Picture Perfect Holiday. The program invites travellers inside a booth to have their photo taken with a Windows Holiday Elf, pictured, in front of a festive backdrop. The booths are located at Terminal 1 (Gate 141) and Terminal 3 (Gate C27), and run until Dec. 23 in the afternoons and early evenings.

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Smile for the camera and say cheese

3rd time no charm for football fan Ford

For the third week in a row, Mayor Rob Ford has lost the weekly City Hall NFL pool to a political foe.

Newbie Coun. Josh Colle won first. Then progressive John Filion. Then Joe Mihevc, who correctly called 10 out of 15 games over the weekend. Ford came second with seven winning picks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daycare being booted from church basement

There's a cloud hanging over the 35 children who attend St. Crispin's Daycare in the basement of a southwest Scarborough church, where children have been nurtured for about 30 years.

St. Crispin's Anglican Church, near the intersection of Danforth Avenue and Kingston Road, is up for sale and the parent-run, non-profit daycare, which has children from ages two to 12 (half of them subsidized), has been asked to vacate the basement by the end of December.

The parents have managed to find a new location nearby — not an easy task in itself in a city with not enough daycare spaces — in the basement of Highway Gospel Church on Midland Avenue.

But their request to Anglican church officials to stay through January while they work to meet the licensing requirements for their new location has fallen on deaf ears.

In addition to finding an affordable spot, there are many regulations to comply with — which in this case means the daycare must install a new window and adjust two existing windows at the new location. That will cost between $30,000 and $50,000.

The parents don't have the cash for renovations. Supervisor Debbie Humphreys says the daycare has applied for a city "minor capital health and safety funding" grant, but she doesn't know if they'll get it.

Without it, the daycare won't be able to move and will have to close.

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▶ Heather McLennan picks up her daughter, Olivia, 4, at St. Crispin's Daycare in Scarborough Monday.

Due notice?

- The daycare received formal written notice to vacate in a letter dated July 12, says the daycare's supervisor, Debbie Humphreys. "But it takes six months to a year to move a daycare," she says.

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Mystery surrounds son set to succeed Kim

Kim Jong Un is known to have studied for a few years in Switzerland as a teen Believed to speak some German and French as well as English

▶ In this Oct. 10, 2010 file photo, Kim Jong Un, right, along with his father and North Korea leader Kim Jong Il, attends a massive military parade marking the 65th anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party in Pyongyang, North Korea. More coverage, page 10.

With the sudden death of his father, Kim Jong Un went from being North Korea's "Respected General" to "Great Successor" — a heady and uncertain promotion for a young man virtually unknown even to the North Korean people just a year ago.

Word of Kim Jong Il's death, announced Monday two days after he suffered a fatal heart attack, thrusts his 20-something son in the spotlight as the future head of a nation grappling with difficult nuclear negotiations and chronic food shortages.

Within hours of breaking the news of his father's death, state media urged the nation's people to rally around Kim Jong Un and to "faithfully revere" their next leader.

The son has not appeared publicly since the announcement of his father's death.

The death speeds up a succession process that began in earnest a little more than year ago, scant time to gain experience, build political clout and allay skepticism at home and abroad that he can lead a nation of 24 million. His father, by contrast, had 20 years of grooming before his father, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, died in 1994.

"Even though Kim Jong Un has been appointed as the successor, they may form a committee to rule the country at first. His power succession is not completed yet."
YOON DEOK-RYONG, SPECIALIST IN NORTH KOREAN ECONOMIC REFORM

News of Kim's death shocked a nation largely kept in the dark about their leader's health even after he suffered a stroke in 2008. Abroad, there was widespread speculation throughout 2009 about who would succeed the iron-fisted ruler.

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French doctor had treated former leader

A French neurosurgeon confirmed Monday that Kim Jong Il had a debilitating stroke in 2008, and described secretly treating the reclusive dictator while the North Korean public and world remained unaware of his condition.

Dr. Francois-Xavier Roux — speaking to The Associated Press on Monday — described Kim's concerns for his future, the challenge of working under constant surveillance, and Korean doctors' fears of making final decisions about how to save their supreme leader.

North Korean state media announced Monday that Kim had died Saturday at age 69.

Roux, the chief of neurosurgery at Sainte Anne Hospital in Paris, said he was urgently flown to North Korea in August 2008 to examine Kim, who was unconscious and "in a bad way" and in intensive care at Pyongyang's Red Cross Hospital, in the communist nation's capital.

"When they came to get me in 2008, I didn't know who I was leaving to go see over there. They don't say — they're very secret."
DR. FRANCOIS-XAVIER ROUX

The two-month trip and medical exam gave Roux unparalleled access for a Westerner to the North Korean regime and its leader.

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POLITICS

Weighing in on U.S., N. Korea relations

The U.S White House says it is too early to tell whether the death of Kim Jong Il opens the door for better U.S. relations with North Korea.

Spokesman Jay Carney also says the long-time dictator's death has not spurred any additional concerns about North Korea's nuclear ambitions beyond those the U.S. has long had.

He says the U.S. will continue to press North Korea to meet its international obligations.

Carney said the Obama administration has been in touch with South Korea, Japan, China and Russia since North Korea announced Kim's death.

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North Koreans mourn 'dear leader'

Kim Jong Il died of a heart attack on Saturday World waits to see how his power will be transferred

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North Korean women cry after learning of the death of their leader Kim Jong Il on Monday, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

North Koreans marched by the thousands Monday to their capital's landmarks to mourn Kim Jong Il, many crying uncontrollably and flailing their arms in grief over news of their "dear leader's" death.

North Korean state media proclaimed his twenty-something son Kim Jong Un a "great successor," while a vigilant world watched for any signs of a turbulent transition to the untested leader in an unpredictable nation known to be pursuing nuclear weapons.

South Korea's military went on high alert in the face of the North's 1.2 million-strong armed forces following news of Kim's death after 17 years in power. U.S. President Barack Obama agreed by phone with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to closely monitor developments.

On the streets of the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, people wailed in grief, some kneeling on the ground or bowing repeatedly. Children and adults laid flowers at key memorials.

"How could the heavens be so cruel? Please come back, general. We cannot believe you're gone."
HONG SON OK, GRIEVING KOREAN WOMAN

The death could set back efforts by the United States and others to get Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions, because his son — as an untested successor — may seek to avoid any perceived weakness as he moves to consolidate control.

The death comes at a sensitive time for North Korea as it prepares for next year's 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the country's founder.

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PM calls for end to Korea's 'sad chapter'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is urging North Korea to work toward promoting both the well-being of its people and stability on the Korean peninsula.

Harper, commenting on the death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il over the weekend, says he hopes Kim's passing will bring positive change to the isolated country.

He says Kim will be remembered as the leader of a totalitarian regime who violated the basic rights of the North Korean people for nearly two decades.

He's urging North Korea to close what he calls a "sad chapter in its history" and to work for peace.

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North Korea is no monarchy, of course, but one thing is certain: following the death of Kim Jong Il, his son Kim Jong Un, reportedly 27 or 28 years old, will become the country's leader.

- Kim Jong Il's death didn't come as a surprise for North Korea, and there have been succession plans in place since 2005.
- Kim Jong Un will take over, but he probably won't be the only leader. He may become more of a figurehead, with the National Defense Commission assuming more power than it had under his dad.
- While Kim Jong Un trains for his new job, his uncle Jang Song Thaek is predicted to act as the power behind the throne.
- Kim Jong Un may try to show his tough-guy credentials through international aggression.
- North Koreans have reason to rise up against the regime—but it's unlikely they will.

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North Korea: what's next?

War, military coup and popular uprising: Potential scenarios

North Korea remains an enigmatic country. With Kim Jong Un's succession to power, Metro takes a look at a few possible scenarios. Dear Leader's son may attack South Korea, or the military might take over.

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Region jittery after Kim's death

Domestic unrest may percolate and armed incursions against South Korea or Japan are possible, analysts say

It was the scenario strategists from Beijing to Washington worried about: Kim Jong Il of North Korea dies suddenly, before the isolated regime can complete a transfer of power to his young son and rejoin disarmament talks with the U.S.

With news Monday of Kim's death, the impoverished country known to be pursuing nuclear weapons plunged further into uncertainty, raising risks for the region.

Neighbours worry that political manoeuvring in Pyongyang could spill over into missile launches or other aggression, though analysts give such acts a low probability. Tens of thousands of American troops are stationed in South Korea and Japan in this heavily armed, jittery corner of the world. China wants to keep its socialist neighbour stable — and avoid a flood of refugees — but also free from American and South Korean influence.

"If you asked experts what could happen to bring the regime down, it would be the sudden death of Kim Jong Il. That has happened now," said Victor Cha, a former U.S. National Security Council director for Asian affairs under President George W. Bush and now a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, an American think-tank. "We're potentially at a watershed moment for the region."

Its politics opaque in normal times, Pyongyang is likely to slow decision-making, upending efforts to restart nuclear disarmament talks just as the U.S. and North Korea seemed on the verge of resuming them. After months of delicate discussions, Washington was poised to announce a donation of food aid this week followed by an agreement with Pyongyang to suspend a uranium enrichment program, people close to the negotiations told The Associated Press.

Tentative reforms to build up its listless economy and better the lives of North Koreans — three million of whom or more than 10 per cent of the population are underfed, the U.N. says — may also be put on hold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dear Leader

We all know his nickname "Dear Leader," but North Korea's Kim Jong Il was also referred to as "Superior Person" and "Guarantee of the Fatherland's Unification." Here's a list of some of the deceased dictator's titles:

- Father of the People
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- Unique Leader
- Guiding Sun Ray
- Leader of the Party, the country, and the Army
- Bright Sun of the 21st Century
- Mastermind of the Revolution
- Ever-Victorious, Iron-Willed Commander

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▶ A South Korean soldier keeps watching North Korea at an outpost in Goseong near the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas on Monday.

Death toll in Philippines storm reaches 927

With funeral parlours overwhelmed, authorities in a flood-stricken southern Philippine city on Monday organized the first mass burial of people who were swept to their deaths in one of worst calamities to strike the region in decades.

The official death toll from Friday night's disaster, spawned by a tropical storm, rose to 927. Benito Ramos, head of the Office of Civil Defence, said additional bodies were retrieved from the ocean.

The number of missing varied widely. Official figures put the number at 82, while the Philippine Red Cross estimated 800.

The disparity underscores the difficulty in accounting for people who could be buried in the mud and debris littering much of the area or could be alive but lost in crowded evacuation centres or elsewhere.

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▶ Residents retrieve a car Monday which was washed away in Friday's flash flooding in Iligan city in southern Philippines.

"We lost count of how many are missing," said Ramos.

In Iligan, a coastal industrial hub of 330,000 people, Mayor Lawrence Cruz said the city's half-dozen funeral parlours were full to capacity and no longer accepting bodies. The first 50 or so unclaimed bodies were buried in individual tombs at the city cemetery, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

- About 143,000 people were affected in 13 southern and central provinces, including 45,000 who fled to evacuation centres. About 7,000 houses were swept away, destroyed or damaged, the Office of Civil Defence said.
- An estimated 35 per cent of evacuees are children, said Trevor Clark, head of UNICEF in the southern Mindanao region.

Kazakhstan unapologetic over violence

Kazakhstan's Interior Minister said Sunday that live firearms will continue to be deployed against violent protesters if necessary, in defiance of the international outcry that followed the more than a dozen deaths caused by clashes over recent days.

At least 15 people have been killed since the months-long sit-in demonstration by oil workers in southwestern town of Zhanaozen descended into a violent confrontation Friday morning between police and protesters.

The unrest is causing palpable tension among authorities in the energy-rich Central Asian nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Riot police in the Kazakh town of Aktau.

Kidnap victims brutalized

Four mentally disabled adults had deep gashes, wounds and scars all over their bodies when they were rescued from a locked room in a Philadelphia basement, according to photographs of the victims shown in court Monday at the preliminary hearing of 51-year-old Linda Weston, a paroled killer charged with kidnapping and abusing the rail-thin victims to get their government benefit checks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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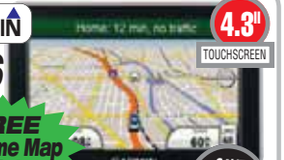

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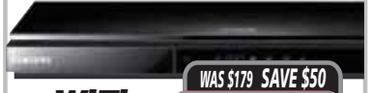

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Egypt's ruling military lashes out at protesters

Ruling council defends use of force Leading political groups steer clear of latest unrest

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An Egyptian man chants slogans during a protest in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Monday.

Egypt's ruling military questioned the morals of a female detainee, accused a prominent publisher of incitement and bashed the media for allegedly working to destabilize the country in a new effort Monday to crush the pro-democracy movement trying to oust the generals.

The criticism, delivered by a member of the ruling military council in a nationally televised news conference, came hours after troops in riot gear swept through Cairo's Tahrir Square, opening fire on protesters and lobbing tear gas into the crowds. At least three people were killed, pushing the death toll for four days of clashes to 14.

Violence has been raging in Cairo since Friday, when military forces guarding the Cabinet building near Tahrir Square heavily cracked down on a three-week-old sit-in to demand the ruling generals immediately hand power to a civilian authority. Tahrir was the centre of the uprising and remains the base of the democracy movement's ongoing protests.

The raid early Monday appeared to be an attempt by the military to keep protesters away from key government buildings near the square, including parliament, the Cabinet headquarters and the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the hated police.

The protesters have decried the military's heavy-handed crackdown, with activists flooding social networking sites and other media with photos and video of troops beating and attacking protesters.

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U.S. officials caution online sperm donor

Trent Arsenault on Facebook

U.S. officials have warned a California man who has been donating cups of his sperm to women who want children.

Trent Arsenault tells the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper he's been donating sperm for five years to women he meets online.

He says he got three women pregnant last month, a record for the 36-year-old father of 14 — and counting.

Arsenault says he considered donating through sperm banks, which offer money and donor anonymity. But he decided to give it away in sterile cups so he could meet the future parents.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has told Arsenault he's facing a $100,000 fine or up to a year in prison for ignoring regulations requiring blood tests to screen for communicable diseases.

Arsenault, an engineer with Hewlett-Packard, started donating sperm in December 2006.

Before donating the sperm, Arsenault and the parents sign contracts that absolve him of any fathering rights or responsibilities.

In all, Arsenault has given 348 sperm donations to 46 women. But it's not the number of donations that the FDA has a problem with. In a letter to Arsenault in November 2010, the agency took issue with the safety of his sperm.

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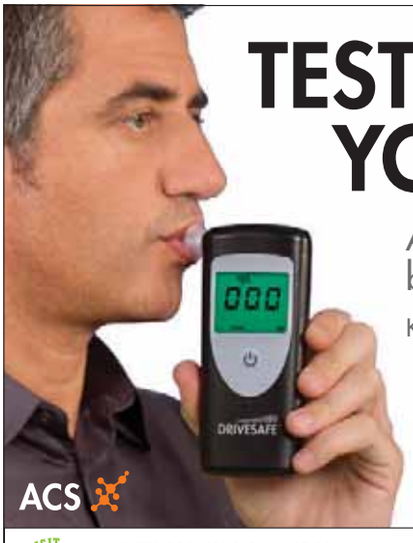

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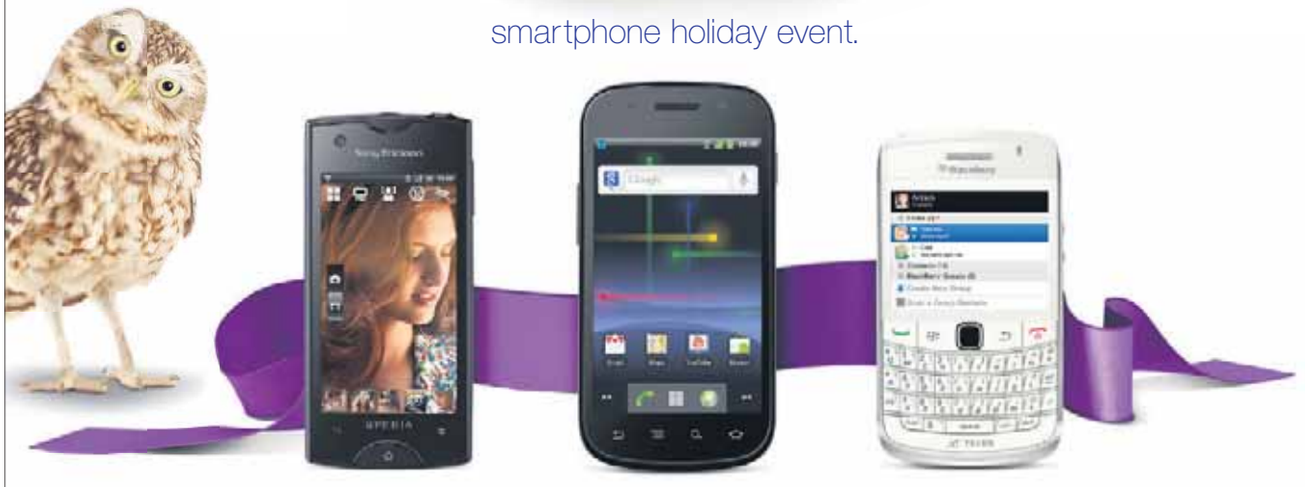

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▶ Israeli citizen Rotem Guez officially changed his name to Mark Zuckerberg in order to annoy the Facebook founder.

Meet Mark Zuckerberg (but not that one)

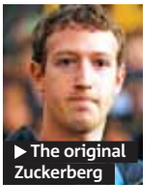
◗ Israeli web entrepreneur changes his name to vex Facebook founder ◗ Action prompted by legal dispute

There's no love lost between Mark Zuckerberg and Mark Zuckerberg.

At a time when businesses do everything they can to get noticed on Internet search engines, an Israeli web entrepreneur has appropriated the name of the founder, president and CEO of the world's 800-million-strong social network.

Born and known as Rotem Guez for the first 32 years of his life, the newer — although not younger — Mark Zuckerberg is on a mission that is part vendetta, part act of shameless self-promotion.

Guez officially changed his name with Israel's Ministry of the Interior on Dec. 7, following a dispute with



▶ The original Zuckerberg

— and threats of legal action from — Facebook.

The conflict began late last year, when Guez created a Facebook page that advertised his Like Store.

Because the popularity of anything and everything on the social network is measured in individual "likes," Guez's firm offered to supply businesses with likes on demand. Buying likes is strictly banned in Facebook's code of conduct.

Following an investigation, Facebook concluded that Guez had set up "multiple fake Facebook profiles." The social network then quickly removed the Like Store from its site, according to information supplied by Facebook legal counsel Joseph Cutler.

In January, Guez launched a lawsuit against Facebook and its Israeli affiliate, Nana 10 MASA, for "hacking" his account. Facebook retaliated with a cease-and-desist order.

Guez's latest escalation was to change his name and take out an Israeli passport as Mark Zuckerberg. Using his new identity, he has set up Twitter and Internet accounts clearly designed to annoy the original Zuckerberg.

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Bin Laden death leads list

2011's top news stories according to The Associated Press' annual poll

The killing of Osama bin Laden during a raid on his hideout in Pakistan was the top news story of 2011, followed by Japan's earthquake/tsunami disaster, according to a poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The death of bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader who masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, received 128 first-place votes out of 247 ballots cast for the top 10 stories. The Japan disaster was next, with 60 first-place votes.

1. Osama bin Laden's death: He'd been the world's most-wanted terrorist for nearly a decade. In May, the manhunt ended with a nighttime assault by a helicopter-borne special operations squad on his compound. Bin Laden was shot dead by one of the raiders, and within hours his body was buried at sea.

2. Japan's triple disaster: A 9.0-magnitude earthquake off Japan's coast in March unleashed a tsunami that devastated scores of communities, leaving nearly 20,000 people dead or missing and wreaking an estimated $218 billion in damage. The tsunami triggered the worst nuclear crisis since Chornobyl.

3. Arab Spring: It began with demonstrations in Tunisia that rapidly toppled the longtime strongman. The Arab Spring protests spread like wildfire. They included a revolution in Egypt that ousted Hosni Mubarak, turmoil in Libya and a bloody uprising in Syria. Bahrain and Yemen also experienced major protests and unrest.

4. EU fiscal crisis: The European Union was hit with relentless fiscal turmoil.

5. U.S. economy: By some measures, the U.S. economy gained strength as the year progressed. But millions of Americans remained buffeted by foreclosures, joblessness and benefit cutbacks.

Kim Jong Il

This story was filed as news was breaking about the death of North Korea's Kim Jong Il.

6. Penn State sex abuse scandal: One of America's most storied college football programs was tarnished in a scandal that prompted the firing of Hall of Fame football coach Joe Paterno. One of his former assistants, Jerry Sandusky, was accused of sexually molesting 10 boys.

7. Gadhafi toppled in Libya: After nearly 42 years of mercurial and often brutal rule, Moammar Gadhafi was toppled. Anti-government protests escalated into an eight-month rebellion, backed by NATO bombing.

8. Fiscal showdowns in U.S. Congress: Partisan divisions in Congress led to several showdowns on fiscal issues.

9. Occupy protests: It began Sept. 17 with a protest at a New York City park near Wall Street and spread to communities across the U.S., Canada and abroad.

The movement depicted itself as leaderless and shied away from specific demands, but succeeded in airing its complaint that the richest 1 per cent benefit at the expense of the rest.

10. Gabrielle Giffords shot: The popular third-term congresswoman from Arizona suffered a severe brain injury when she and 18 other people were shot by a gunman outside a Tucson supermarket in January.

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▶ This April 1998 file photo shows Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan.

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Britain. Tribute

▶ The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrive along with Prince Harry, right, at the Imperial War Museum for A Night of Heroes: The Sun Military Awards, in London, Monday.

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Teen jailed 21 years

◗ Pleaded guilty to second-degree murder ◗ Family of gay student say they can't forgive their son's killer

A U.S. teenager was sentenced Monday to 21 years in prison for shooting a gay student in the back of the head, killing him during a computer lab class three years ago.

Brandon McInerney, 17, didn't speak at the hearing in California but his lawyer said his client was sorry for killing 15-year-old Larry King.

McInerney, then 14, had reached an emotional breaking point after King made repeated, unwanted sexual advances toward him, defence lawyers said.

In the weeks leading up to the 2008 shooting, school administrators allowed King to wear heels and makeup because federal law provides the right of students to express their sexual orientation.

After serving four years since King's slaying, with the additional 21 years McInerney will be released just before his 39th birthday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadians cut trips abroad

Canadian residents made 4.9 million trips abroad in October, down 0.3 per cent from September, largely due to a decrease in travel from Canada to countries other than the United States.

Statistics Canada reports Canadian residents made 766,000 trips to overseas countries in October, down 2.1 per cent.

It says Canadians made 4.2 million trips to the United States in October, about the same as in September.

Travel by residents from abroad to Canada was essentially unchanged compared with September, at about two million trips in October.

U.S. residents made 1.6 million trips in October, a 0.2 per cent increase from September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRTC weighs fate of fund

The CRTC says it will hold public consultations on the fate of a fund designed to support small-market TV programming.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says spending on local programming, particularly news, has stagnated and even declined since the fund's inception in 2009.

In the three years, cable and satellite companies have contributed more than $300 million to support programming at 75 stations across Canada.

The CRTC says it wants to assess whether the fund should be maintained, modified or cancelled. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Twitter word game

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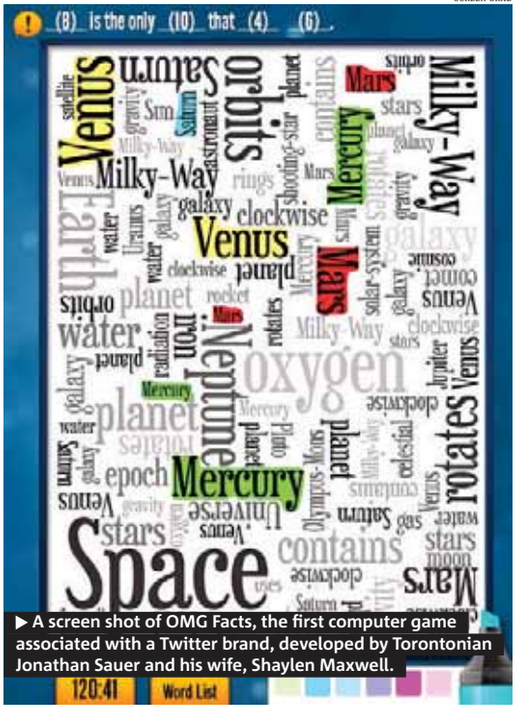

▶ A screen shot of OMG Facts, the first computer game associated with a Twitter brand, developed by Torontonian Jonathan Sauer and his wife, Shaylen Maxwell.

Lite version of OMG Facts ranked No. 4 free word app at iTunes store

His wife's homemade artwork prompted a Toronto entrepreneur to have fun with one of the biggest brands on Twitter.

OMG Facts, a trivia compiler with three million followers and 6,500 tweets to its credit, has adopted the OMG Facts Puzzle Game, created by Torontonian Jonathan Sauer.

Available for a PC or as an iPad app, Sauer's creation is a word game that mixes a visual recognition challenge in a cloud of words — called a "word field" — and using those results to fill in the blanks in a fun-fact phrase.

The inspiration was home and hearth.

Sauer recalls how three years ago his wife, Shayleen Maxwell, made artwork out of some pages of a novel she had written. She couldn't find anyone to publish the book, so she blew up some pages from a chapter, framed them, and set them atop the fireplace in the living room.

"We stood there looking, and all these words were repeating," recalls Sauer. "We wondered how we could analyze this and it turned it into a game. Shayleen turned these into puzzles for me, and I kept telling her to make more." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Versions

- A free, "lite" version of the game comes with eight puzzles. The paid version, available for $4.99 at the iTunes app store, comes with 50 games, covering just about every trivia category imaginable.

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News in brief

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Pilots to work through the holidays

NO STRIKE ... YET. The Air Canada Pilots Association says travellers do not have to worry about a strike over the busy Christmas season. The union group issued a statement to that effect. Pilots aren't in a legal strike position until mid-February, when they face a potential deadline. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Saab files for bankruptcy

TROLLHATTAN, SWEDEN. Saab Automobile filed for bankruptcy on Monday, giving up a desperate struggle to stay in business after previous owner General Motors Co. blocked takeover attempts by Chinese investors.

Saab CEO Victor Muller personally handed in the bankruptcy application to a court in southwestern Sweden, ending his two-year effort to revive the carmaker.

The Dutch entrepreneur told reporters he had to pull the plug after GM, which still owns some technology licences for Saab, rejected a last-ditch financing plan with a Chinese company.

While experts say Saab is likely to be chopped up and sold in parts, officials in the town of Trollhattan, where Saab employs more than 3,000 people, were holding out hope that a new buyer would emerge to salvage the brand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Republicans balk at payroll tax cut

SENATE VS. HOUSE. The U.S. House of Representatives intends to vote down a two-month extension of a payroll tax cut for millions of Americans that cleared the Senate late last week, Speaker John Boehner said Monday. Without action by Congress, both the payroll tax cut and a program for long-term unemployment benefits will expire on Jan. 1.

It's the latest game of legislative brinksmanship between the Senate and the House. Economists have warned that the move could set back an already fragile economic recovery. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Phone-hacking routine: Whistleblower's brother

Tabloid journalists referred to the practice as 'the dark side' Scandal has spread to more British papers

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▶ Anti-Murdoch protesters rally in London.

Illegal voicemail interception and cellphone tracking was a matter of routine at both The Sun and the News of the World tabloids, the brother of a whistleblower at the centre of Britain's phone hacking scandal said Monday.

Stuart Hoare —brother of the late journalist Sean Hoare — told an inquiry into British media ethics that both papers, published by Rupert Murdoch's News International Ltd., broke the law as part of their "daily routine."

"The reality was that phone hacking was endemic within the News International group," Hoare said in a witness statement published on the inquiry's website. "I know this to be the case because Sean and I regularly discussed this and there are emails in existence which support Sean's description of a practice referred to during such meetings as 'the dark side.'"

Sean Hoare was the first ex-News of the World journalist to publicly accuse his former editor Andy Coulson of being at the hub of a culture of wrongdoing at the paper, an allegation that helped ignite the scandal that forced Murdoch to close the British tabloid. Coulson is one of a dozen former News of the World journalists arrested in the scandal.

Sean Hoare, who suffered from a drinking problem, died in July just as the scandal was exploding. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dark doings

- **The phone-hacking** scandal has spread to The Sun, another Rupert Murdoch title and Britain's top-selling daily.
- **The late journalist Sean** Hoare said Sun reporters engaged in a practice dubbed "pinging," by which police were bribed to trace the location of people's cellphones.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. MONDAY

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▶ Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Alsaud and his wife, Princess Amira, arrive at The Savoy hotel in London last year.

Tweet deal as Saudi prince buys $300M stake in Twitter

Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal and his investment firm, Kingdom Holding Co., are pouring $300 million into Twitter, Alwaleed announced on Monday.

The investment follows months of negotiations and will give the company a "strategic stake" in Twitter, though it wasn't clear how much the prince will control.

Alwaleed, a nephew of the Saudi king, has a history of investing in media and technology companies. He owns 95 per cent of KHC, which has major stakes in Citigroup Inc., Apple Inc. and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

His Twitter investment comes as Arab activists from Tunisia to Bahrain have flocked to Twitter to co-ordinate protests and voice their opposition to long-ruling autocratic regimes.

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YOUR PAST REARS ITS UGLY HEAD ON FACEBOOK

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
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Everybody hates change, especially us over-entitled Facebook users. Whenever the developers at the omnipresent social networking site make even the slightest tweaks, a large percentage of the 800 million active users become a seriously whiny bunch. And while modifications to privacy settings are a completely legitimate concern, you have to wonder if the digital uproar over every little page layout alteration is really all that necessary.

So when Mark (King of the Internet) Zuckerberg announced that Facebook would be overhauling the entire site and introducing its new Timeline feature, all kinds of Internet hell broke loose. The angry masses took to their keyboards to protest about the changes in fuming status updates, ironically using the very medium they're criticizing to complain about it. How very meta right? Somewhere, Marshall McLuhan is smiling.

Once upon a time, Facebook sold itself on connecting people, but the new feature (which finally launched worldwide last week) reveals what the site has really been about all along: vanity.

"And remember all of those lost photos from your fat years that were once buried in ancient albums? Well now they're just a click away!"

More visual and customizable, Timeline lets you play curator in a museum of your own digital history. The scrapbook-like interface means users can upload not one but TWO profile photos, enabling a more two-dimensional form of narcissism. So now you can post that here-I-am-drunk-at-a-bar-throwing-up-offensive-hand-gestures snapshot juxtaposed against a wide-angle photograph from your trip to Southeast Asia last year. All of which to prove to your friends that you might actually have some substance.

More importantly, Timeline's neatly organized yearly catalogue makes taking a walk down memory lane that much easier. Us early adopters (I've been sharing my own mundane personal details since November 2005), we can't resist the temptation to jump back and forth throughout the years, reliving our not-so-distant past through old conversations and tagged photos.

Remember when you signed all your wall posts with your name at the bottom because it was maybe kind of like an email? How silly. And remember all those lost photos from your fat years that were once buried in ancient albums? Well now they're just a click away!

Yes there's plenty to discover on Facebook in the age of Timeline. But before you publish your digital autobiography, you might want to take a moment to edit those posts from the years before you accepted your mom's friend request. After all, Facebook is the one place where life's most cringe-worthy moments can be deleted for good.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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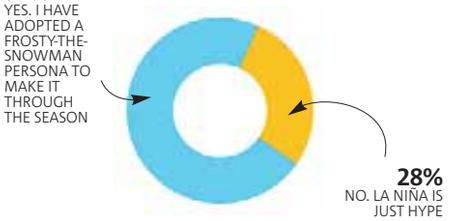

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@Steph_JonesPR: Bahaha archive paper headlines from 1958 mention Toronto's plans to build a rail fr downtown to the airport #fail 50 years later...and?

@Paul_TO: No matter how the Premier spins it, the Air-Rail Link will be little more than a diesel-spewing white elephant. #onpoli #toronto

@its_Danity: Bob Barker will pay for three Toronto Zoo elephants to be moved to a sanctuary in California. What an amazing person!

@M_Campanella: The zoo doesn't close during the winter, it just reloactes to Yorkdale & Vaughan Mills. Merry Christmas, you filthy animals.

@R_ebecc_a: Boycott Twitter? RT @CNN Saudi prince purchases $300 million stake in Twitter.

PHOTO CHALLENGE WINNERS

The winners of the 2011 Metro Global Photo Challenge have been chosen One of this year's winners lives in Montreal

Metro is proud to present the winners of the 2011 Metro Global Photo Challenge. After 162,000 submissions from thousands of photo enthusiasts, Metro readers and a star-studded jury have selected their top four.

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MOMENTS OF MY LIFE WINNER: THE MAGIC LANE

Metro spoke with music-management student Pierre-Philippe Kikhounga, 26, who is from Paris but lives in Montreal.

Tell us about your winning photo.

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PIERRE-PHILIPPE KIKHOUNGA

"This image takes us all back to that childlike freedom when none of us had a care or worry in the world. A delightful reminder of the joys of youth. You can almost hear their cheers!"
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I will probably choose a city in Latin America: Brazil, Mexico or Chile.

What's your secret tip in capturing the perfect picture?

For me, there is no such thing as a perfect picture — only a perfect moment and a perfect time. The only tip I can give is don't see but watch.

For a complete list of Metro Global Photo Challenge winners, scan the code.

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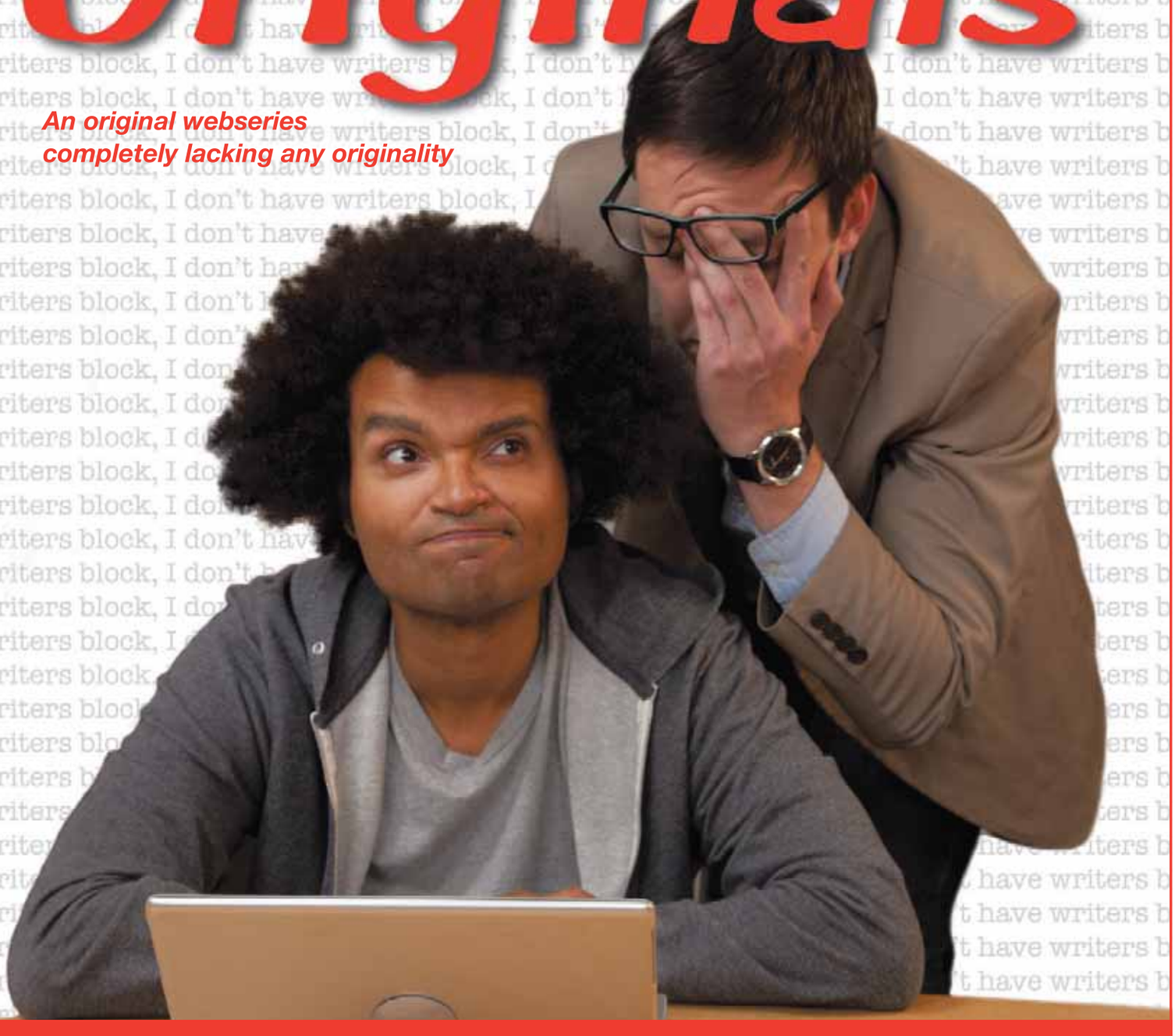

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Best and worst of 2011

Before we get carried away with promising new movies of 2012, let's take a moment to remember 2011 in film Here's Metro's picks of the best and worst the year had to offer

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

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▶ Is Shame one of the best movies of 2011? The story of a sex addict succeeds in its honesty.

The Best

1. Hugo
Whether in 3D or not, Martin Scorsese's tribute to childhood and the early days of cinema dazzles and enchants — thanks in no small part to newcomer Asa Butterfield as the titular orphan keeping the clocks in a Paris train station running.

2. Shame
All nudity jokes aside, Michael Fassbender turns in one of the most powerful performances of the year as man feeding his sex addiction while trying to keep the rest of life at arm's length. A bummer of a film, to be sure, but it's a more honest and unflinching look at life than audiences have seen in a long time.

3. Beginners
A sweet and crafty film, Mike Mills' semi-autobiographical tale about a man (Ewan McGregor) dealing with his 75-year-old father (Christopher Plummer) coming out of the closet is quite simply a thing of beauty.

4. Like Crazy
Fair warning: This film is trying to break your heart — and it succeeds, thanks to frank and risky improvised performances by Felicity Jones and Anton Yelchin as young lovers who make stupid but whole believable decisions for the sake of love. Quietly devastating.

5. Weekend
A startling debut from British filmmaker Andrew Haigh that chronicles the meeting and subsequent three-day romance of two men in elegant, true-to-life frankness.

The Worst

1. J. Edgar
There were arguably worse films this year — just check further down this list — but Clint Eastwood's simultaneously too subtle and clumsily loud biopic fails more spectacularly than the rest. Given the Oscar-winning talent involved, the artless melodrama of J. Edgar is particularly startling.

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▶ J. Edgar's star power couldn't save the clumsy biopic from crashing.

2. Waiting for Forever
It's not nice to pick on smaller films, but this indie gem was so egregious it demands mention. Its greatest offence? Playing stalking and mental illness off as cute rom-com behaviour.

3. New Year's Eve
A romantic comedy Death Star that can't hide its cynicism, the movie did manage to sneak in Sarah Jessica Parker being introduced by the sound of horse hooves, so it's not a total loss.

4. Larry Crowne
A completely tone-deaf and sexless romantic comedy, featuring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts doing their best approximation of "everyday people" — and showing just how out of touch they are.

5. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1
Criticizing the Twilight franchise is a futile enterprise, of course, but this latest entry — half a book stretched out far longer than the story can support — brings something new to the series' list of offences: It's unbearably boring. Also, no title should need that much punctuation.

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Scene in brief

Paul McCartney is releasing an album of standards — plus two new songs of his own. The former Beatle announced Monday that his new disc will be out on Feb. 7. It doesn't have a title yet but he's already streaming one song, My Valentine, on his website.
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Jamie Bell says actors' performances lend heart and soul to tech-heavy Tintin

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Jeremy Renner gets some action

The actor famous for The Hurt Locker channels his inner action hero in MI4 Too bad he's scared of heights

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▶ Jeremy Renner stars alongside Tom Cruise in Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol.

After Oscar nominations for the dramas The Hurt Locker and The Town, actor Jeremy Renner did what any self-respecting Californian would do: Take roles where he could blow stuff up in big-time action movies. Besides this week's Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol, opposite Tom Cruise, he's got next year's Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters, plays Hawkman in The Avengers and takes over for Matt Damon (as a new character) in The Bourne Supremacy.

"Suddenly, the offers came streaming in," he says of his life, post Academy Awards.

In Mission: Impossible 4, he plays Brandt, an analyst for the Ministry of Defense who joins Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt in order to put a stop to the elaborate plans of a terrorist. "The action is ongoing, but I wanted my character to be credible," insists the actor.

Renner is also full of praise for Cruise, his producer and co-star in the movie. "He's 10 years older than me and he works 72-hour days compared to my 20," he says. "Sometimes he came across like this super experienced guy, paying attention to every single thing happening on set. Other times, he would be like a teenager ... ready to take on the craziest of stunts."

Like climbing up the highest tower in the world in Dubai? "I wouldn't have been able to do the stunt myself," says Renner, who, despite his action movie cred, has his limits. "I'm scared of heights."

Opens Wednesday

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol opened in IMAX theatres last Friday. It will open everywhere else Wednesday.

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The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo
Genre: Drama
Director: David Fincher
Stars: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Stellan Skarsgard

Sweden and director David Fincher were apparently made for each other. In the English-language version of the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, Fincher certainly makes the most of his stark locations, with the wintry scenes almost in black and white. The man just knows how to move a camera, with even pans across quiet hallways and motorcycles zipping around curves a feast for the eyes. As an added bonus, he unleashes an arresting opening credits sequence set to Trent Reznor and Karen O's cover of Led Zeppelin's Immigrant Song, that makes you wish he'd both return to his music video roots and take on a James Bond film.

The real reason to see the film, though, is Rooney Mara as rough-edged computer hacker and ward of the state Lisbeth Salander. She stalks the frame, hitting both self-assured power and self-doubting vulnerability naturally.

Mara can do more with one quiet stare than most actresses in Hollywood can with their whole bodies. Her counterpart, Daniel Craig as disgraced journalist Mikael Blomkvist, impresses as well as a very un-Bond not-so-super sleuth. When their story lines converge halfway through the film, the chemistry and camaraderie is electric. More please.

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At least Courtney's house was Pretty on the Inside

Rocker evicted as owner finds hand-painted walls ruined, among other things

After damaging the decor in her $27,000 a month New York City townhouse, Courtney Love has been evicted, according to the New York Post.

"I was horrified by what she had done. The walls that had been hand-painted and glazed were ruined, covered in damask wallpaper and ice-blue paint," the owner, Donna Lyon, says of Love, who is reportedly two months behind on rent as well.

And that's after starting a fire in the master bedroom in June.

"I got a call from her accountant, who said, 'Miss Love is fine,' which I was glad to hear," Lyon says.

"But I thought, 'What about the house?'"

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Courtney Love

He's no Belieber in old Saint Nick

Justin Bieber never believed in Santa Claus.

"My mom always told me there wasn't a Santa," the pop star tells AOL Music.

"This was her logic: She thought if I grew up knowing about Santa then finding out he wasn't real, that it would be like she was lying to me. And then when she told me about God, I maybe wouldn't believe her."

Luckily, it was a tidbit that Bieber was good enough to keep to himself.

"I didn't tell my friends or ruin it for anyone," he says. "I was a good kid."

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Don't fear the feast

The holidays can do some serious damage to your waistline But with some careful plans you can still enjoy the fun without suffering the New Year's hangover Read up and dig in

CELIA MILNE
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There are so many temptations at this time of year.

Whether it's the treats that constantly seem to be on offer at work, the huge family dinners, or junk food to accompany a movie, the holidays are famous for luring us into eating and drinking too much.

Eggnog, shortbread, gravy, and plenty of booze — beware.

The good news, according to Kim Arrey, a dietitian and nutrition coach in Montreal, is that, with a little advance planning and careful choosing, you can indulge without too much guilt.

She estimates that the average weight gain during the holidays is three to five pounds.

"When faced with so many opportunities to consume foods that contain more fat, more salt or more sugar, and may be less nutrient dense than usual, many people are overwhelmed. Since many of these goodies are only offered up once a year, the option is clear — eat the goodies."

Arrey recommends you accept that there will be temptations, and choose between them. For example, skip the eggnog but have one dessert, if dessert is your thing.

Holiday tips

Here are Arrey's tips for navigating the holiday season:

- **Slow down** Enjoy all aspects of your meal — savour the taste and texture of your food and the conversation going on around you.
- **Stay the course** Eat your favourite foods, and drop the ones you eat just because they are there. "Plum pudding only comes around once a year, so if you enjoy it, leave room for it by not eating the mashed potatoes. Why waste calories on foods you do not like?" says Arrey.
- **Snack** Eat a snack between meals. This helps you eat smaller amounts at meals. Try a source of protein, such as nuts or cheese, along with fruit or vegetables and dip.
- **Rule** When putting food on your plate, remember the one-quarter, one-half, one-quarter diagram: Try to fill half of your plate with vegetables and only one-quarter of the plate with grains or potatoes and one-quarter of the plate with meat and alternatives. "Unless they are drowning in butter or sauce, vegetables are a great way to include great taste, nutrients and not too many calories."

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▶ You can still enjoy the seasonal foods and not hurt your waistline.

Best Health Minute

BONNIE MUNDAY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, BEST HEALTH MAGAZINE

Spice of the season

The aromas and flavours of spices signal the holiday season – and they're good for you. Our senior editor Margaret Nearing rounded up some of the latest studies for the December issue of Best Health.

Nutmeg
It's long been known as an aphrodisiac, though the evidence has largely been anecdotal.

Now scientists at the University of Guelph have reviewed the research showing nutmeg increased sexual activity in animals.

Why not sprinkle a little extra on your eggnog?

Cardamom
It's a source of manganese, and a U.S. study found that women who ate high amounts of manganese each day had fewer PMS symptoms than those who ate the least. Add a generous sprinkle to your morning coffee or tea.

Cloves
These are one of the best sources of antioxidants, the compounds that help fight off disease-causing free radicals in our bodies.

Next time you make rice, add a few cloves to the cooking pot.

Cinnamon
A study shows that a whiff of cinnamon, or chewing cinnamon gum, stimulated the cognitive process and improved scores in working memory and visual-motor response speed.

Sprinkle cinnamon on your morning cereal.

Ginger
It has long been used to soothe upset stomachs.

Now, Toronto researchers recommend ginger as a "safe, effective and inexpensive solution" for nausea and vomiting due to pregnancy. (But check with your doctor first.)

Ginger makes a great addition to any rub for roasted meats.

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Enjoy a guilt-free holiday

Winter break means 10 days of being fat and lazy ◗ But how much damage is done day by day? ◗ Fitness trainer Jonathan Goodair, whose Total Body Plan has helped Ralph Fiennes, is here to help ◗ Plan now, enjoy tomorrow

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DAY ONE

You've gone all out with the food; getting through heaps of potatoes, pie and turkey. "The only damage done is mental damage," says fitness trainer Jonathan Goodair.

"Women are under more pressure than men to look good. They restrict what they eat as they think they can't indulge if they want a flat stomach, skinny thighs or a great bum. All this panicking increases stress levels, but weight gain doesn't happen overnight and one slice of cake won't make you fat," he explains.

"There's no point in not participating in all the good things that come your way. You'll do no physical harm by pigging out for a few days."

DAY TWO

Leftovers. You want them. You eat them. You also watch a marathon of reality TV and rarely move from the couch.

"Enjoy the food while it lasts. Traditional food isn't the healthiest, but if you're going to sit there doing a calorie count, there are ways to make it healthier. Avoid too much sugar, stuffing, potatoes and cranberry jelly and go for the turkey and green vegetables," says Goodair.

DAY FIVE

By this point, all the hard exercise you did leading up to Christmas has started to melt away.

"A week of letting go can make a difference," explains Goodair. "Too much of anything is bad for you. Excess sugar adds belly fat, salt increases blood pressure and fatty foods are high in calories. The best way to counteract the binge is to clean out your system. Drink around 1.5 litres of water a day to keep the body hydrated and eat sensibly and simply. Don't eat all your calories in one meal but spread them out throughout the day, as small regular meals get your digestive system going. You will feel stodgy, so be harsh with yourself and shake off all the accumulated laziness by picking a specific time in the day when you will actively stimulate your body.

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▶ Enjoy traditional foods. Don't calorie count.

"Booking personal training sessions or enquiring about health clubs before January is a good way to put your mind at ease during a lazy holiday."

JONATHAN GOODAIR

DAY 10

All that food was totally worth it. The damage is done but it's not irreversible.

"The best way to lose weight is to do engaging, big moves. The larger muscle groups require more energy to work, raising your heart rate higher and burning more calories," says Goodair. "Swimming, running, power walking and aerobic activities are perfect. Cut out all sugars and eat lots of green leafy vegetables and lean protein for a few days to kickstart your metabolism. Workout for three days a week and within two weeks you should be back to your old self."

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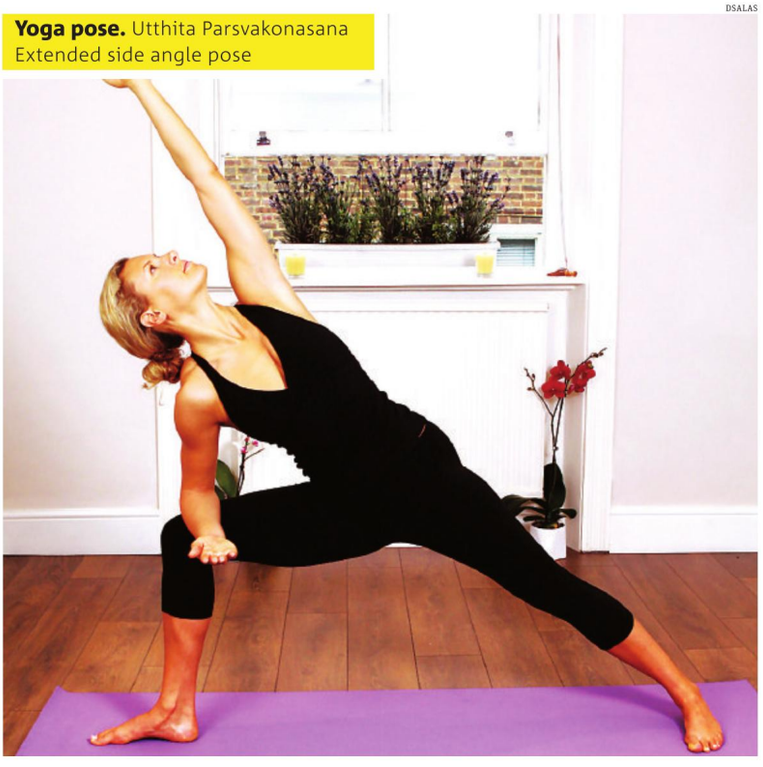

Get into it:

1. Stand with the big toes touching, heels slightly apart. Exhale and step your feet 4 feet apart.
2. Raise your arms parallel to the floor and reach them out to the sides, shoulder blades wide, palms down.
3. Turn your left foot in slightly to the right and your right foot out to the right 90 degrees.
4. Align the right heel with the left heel. Firm your thighs and turn your right thigh outwards so that the centre of the kneecap is in line with the centre of the right ankle. Roll the left hip slightly forward towards the right and rotate your upper torso back to the left.
5. Anchor the back heel to the floor by lifting the inner left groin deep into the pelvis. Exhale and bend your right knee over the right ankle so that the shin is perpendicular to the floor. As you bend the knee aim the inner knee toward the little toe side of the foot. Bring the right thigh parallel to the floor.
6. Firm your shoulder blades against the back ribs. Extend your left arm straight up toward the ceiling then turn your left palm to face toward your head and with an inhalation reach the arm over the back of your left ear, palm facing the floor. Stretch from your left heel through your left fingertips, lengthening the entire left side of your body.
7. Ground your left heel to the floor as you exhale and lay the right side of your torso down onto the top of the right thigh.
8. Press your right fingertips on the floor just outside of your right foot. Push the right knee against the inner arm and burrow your tailbone into the back of your pelvis.
9. Hold for up to 1 minute then repeat on the left.

STEPHANIE KNUTSSON, BODYISM YOGA INSTRUCTOR

Thoughts on ... Strength

BE STRONG. We often spend so much time focusing on our shortcomings, but today, right now, focus on one of your many strengths.

Exactly what is a strength?

Maybe you're good with numbers, or good with people, or good with children.

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Anything that comes naturally to you is a strength and a gift.

The very act of thinking about what your strengths are, and then having the bravery to implement them in the world does something magical to your life.

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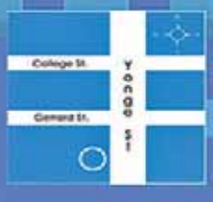

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Pork and Coriander Wonton

Chinatown finally has a sleek industrial restaurant.

The stunning space, and welcome change, was designed by an architect major. A large front area boasts high ceilings and both high tables and low ones with bean bag seating. Another spacious room in the back gives an almost Lost in Translation feeling.

The menu is miniscule — soups, edamame, rice, juices and teas — but in this setting, it feels right.

Large portions and low prices also make it one of the best deals in the city.

Beef Noodle Soup (sm $5.49/lg $6.49 /add egg 80¢) is pho-like with its fragrant broth, rich ramen noodles, thinly-sliced tender beef, bok choy and diced tomato.

Various Sweet & Spicy Wonton (sm $5.49/lg $6.49) are available. The Pork and Coriander in a sweet, vinegary broth is rapturous.

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It is perfect without being pretentious. How about that?

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Cinnamon Bun Bread Pudding

Preparation:

1. Coat a 3 L (9-by-13-inch) baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a blender, combine eggs, cream, 5 ml (1 tsp) of the ground cinnamon and salt; puree until smooth. Set aside.
3. Cut each cinnamon bun into 2.5- to 5-cm (1- to 2-inch) chunks. Arrange chunks in even layer in prepared baking dish. Pour egg mix over pieces of cinnamon buns. As you pour, use fork to press on bun pieces to help them absorb liquid.
4. Bake in 180 C (350 F) oven 25 to 30 mins. or until lightly puffed and starting to brown. Let cool 15 to 20 mins. Meanwhile, in a bowl, whisk together icing sugar, water, vanilla and remaining cinnamon. Drizzle bread pudding with glaze, then cut it into 12 squares. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) 5 % light cream or milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 12 large glazed cinnamon buns
- 250 ml (1 cup) icing sugar
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) water
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract

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The golden finish is the glaze over top to add a sweet mustardy flavour and a golden colour that everyone at the table will adore.

Preparation:

1. Using a mortar and pestle or a resealable bag and a meat mallet, combine and lightly crush cloves, fennel, cumin and coriander.
2. In a large stock pot (big enough to hold ham) heat oil over medium-high. Add crushed seeds, onions and garlic. Cook for 5 minutes or until onions begin to brown. Add wine, orange juice, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and oregano. Place ham in pot and fill with water to cover.
3. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cover and simmer for 2 hours.
4. Line a baking sheet with foil and place a roasting rack over foil. Remove ham from pot and place on rack.
5. Glaze: In a small bowl, whisk together mustard and apple jelly, then brush mixture all over surface of ham. Roast in 230 C (450 F) oven for 25 minutes or until surface of ham is golden and glaze is bubbly. Let ham rest in a warm place for 20 minutes before slicing. **ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CHEF. (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) whole cloves
- 5 ml (1 tsp) fennel seeds
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cumin seeds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) coriander seeds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 2 onions, quartered
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 250 ml (1 cup) white wine
- 250 ml (1 cup) orange juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lemon juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) Worcestershire sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) dried oregano
- 1 bone-in ham (3.175 to 3.5 kg/7 to 8 lb)
- Glaze
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Dijon mustard
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) apple jelly

Beware online pickpockets

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In this season of joy and giving and shopping who wants to think about getting ripped off?

But in this era of cyber predators we must take as much care with information as you would with your wallet in a place frequented by pickpockets.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (fcac.gc.ca) urges everyone to be a little extra vigilant during the holidays, since we are often rushed and trying to do two things at once.

Justin Hwang, associate vice president of Fraud Management at TD Canada Trust, says that bogus websites can easily snare the unwary.

He notes that website addresses beginning with https:// are usually secure. But if you update your antivirus software regularly you'll be alerted to the phony ones.

With so much shopping going on at this time of year you should also take a glance at your credit card and bank statements more often than normal to catch any unauthorized activity.

When you are short of time it's tempting to hand over your credit or debit card to a child to make certain purchases for you.

Aside from the fact that such use violates your contract with the bank, even the most responsible kids don't necessarily understand the importance of being vigilant about fraud.

But, of course, many youngsters these days have their own debit cards and may be authorized users on a parental card.

Watch them as they use these cards and coach them about ensuring their card is always close at hand.

They shouldn't put it on the cashier's counter where others in line can see it.

And keeping their PIN one giant secret is vital. I recommend kids change their PIN every six months or so.

Have a wonderful and secure holiday.

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- Be cautious about sharing too much information on social networking sites.
- Be sure you know a site is secure before entering personal information.
- Use virus or spyware protection software and update it regularly.
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What is appropriate to expect from children with regards to table manners and etiquette? Myself, I always taught my children well, but I am appalled at the lack of manners of so many children these days.
Sticky for Manners

Dear Sticky for Manners,

Well, the world has changed and children's manners aren't what they used to be. One of every parent's nightmares is taking their children in public and being embarrassed from their lack of social skills. So lets review what is appropriate social behaviour.

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▶ Make sure your kids display proper manners at the table this Christmas.

Children should be taught manners and social skills from a very young age.

As soon as they are able to start to reason and understand verbal language you can start with a simple please and thank you.

Once children start to get older (five to eight), learning table manners becomes important.

Understanding how to correctly use a knife and fork at the table, how to leave the table, drink from a glass, etc.

Now for those parents who think you can do this the night before a family event, that is where you are going wrong; turning these skills into everyday habits is the objective.

Some of the reasons you need to practice this at the family kitchen table every night are because:

1. You must practice a new skill for 21 days to start a pattern.

2. It takes 100 days for this new pattern to become automatic.

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Remember, good manners are not just for when you have guests or are entertaining; manners are to be applied everyday amongst family members, friends and work.

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Guide to peacocking

Plenty of holiday parties to attend the next few weeks?
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Stressed out about the office Christmas party or your neighbour's drop-in bash for New Year's Eve?

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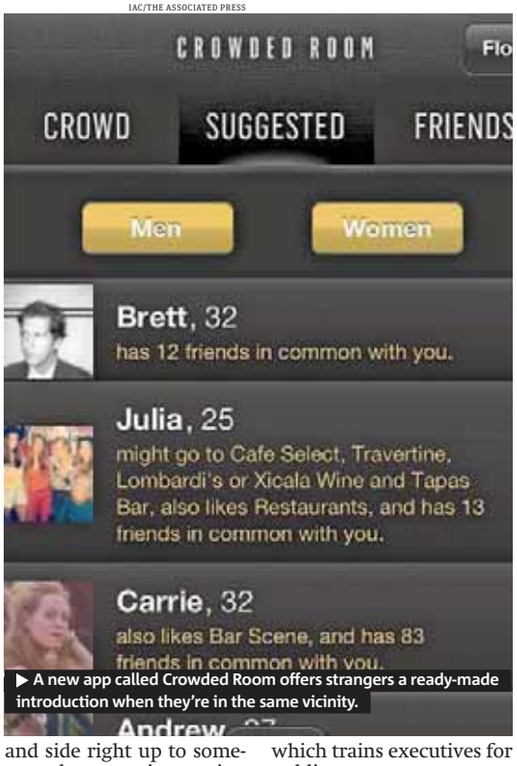
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"Wear something festive: A colourful tie, an interesting pin or fashionable shoes are great conversation starters," said Jacqueline Whitmore, an etiquette expert and author of Poised For Success. "People tend to gravitate towards people who stand out or look interesting."

Christie Nightingale, principal of Premier Match, an upscale matchmaking firm, agreed, saying: "Stand out from the crowd by wearing a bright colour, like red or emerald green, not black."

CONVERSATION

Have a list of easy questions in mind as conversation starters: "How's it going? Who do you know here? How did you get here?"

Jokes can work, but be careful not to offend.

You could also brush up on current events, but be aware that most people would rather chat about subjects that are "easy and fun instead of getting so serious."

INTRODUCTIONS AND COMPLIMENTS

"Walk around, get a solid idea of who's in the house and side right up to someone who seems interesting — maybe they're wearing a bright sweater, or a fun hat — and give them a compliment," said Sian-Pierre Regis, founder of the Swagger: New York style website. "Then introduce yourself."

TOASTS

For an office party, "another way to stand out, which takes a lot of practice and preparation, is to offer a very brief, humble toast, thanking your co-workers, colleagues, and the executive team for being great co-workers, colleagues, team, etc.," said Matt Eventoff, owner of Princeton Public Speaking, which trains executives for public appearances.

At a social gathering in someone's home, a simple toast might thank the hosts for bringing everyone together with good food, drinks and company.

SMILE

"Give them your Mona Lisa smile," said Suzanne Zazulak Pedro, an executive coach and founder of The Protocol Praxis. Not a fake Pan Am stewardess smile, as she put it, but a close-lipped half-smile, "like you have a secret. It will not only make people wonder what you are up to, but it will also help initiate conversations."

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Recent firings raise questions about the degree to which off-duty behaviour can affect one's employment

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▶ The higher the position an employee holds within their company can occasionally dictate whether he or she might be acceptably punished for out-of-work misbehaviour.

"RIM expects that its employees conduct themselves in a manner reflective of our strong principles and standards of business behaviour."

So read the press statement released by Research in Motion after last week's news story about two of its (now former) high-flying executives who were fired for excessive drinking on an Air Canada flight.

Although the story initially raised eyebrows because the plane was diverted and forced to land due to their conduct, it also poses an interesting workplace law issue because the employees were fired by RIM for their conduct — even though it occurred away from the workplace.

Generally, employees' conduct outside of work is immune from discipline. But, in some circumstances, an employer has a right to interfere:

• When an employer's interests or reputation is jeopardized by an employee's off-duty behaviour, this can be cause for immediate dismissal without pay. In the RIM case, the executives' behaviour was immediately broadcast in the media and news, linking them back to their employer. Although RIM had no hand in their conduct, the negative publicity it faced as a result of the executives' behaviour justified its reaction: a press release distancing itself from their actions and their prompt dismissal.

• Criminal behaviour unrelated to the workplace but which injures or potentially injures an employer's interests can amount to cause for dismissal. In one case, an employer successfully defended itself from a former employee who was charged with a crime, even though he was not yet convicted. The court sided with the company because of the potential damage to its reputation.

• More recently, an Ontario court found that an employee who occupies a heightened position of trust has greater off-duty responsibilities to the employer. In that case, the employee was fired for harassing a co-worker away from work. The employee's senior human resources position and the fact that he helped distribute harassment policies at work contributed to his failure at trial.

• In some cases actual damage to an employer's reputation may not be necessary if there is a potential for harm. In a notorious Canadian case, a bank teller was fired after her employer learned that she was living with a convicted bank robber. She had done nothing wrong, but she was still in a conflict of interest.

Where off-duty behaviour poses a workplace problem, it can follow you back to your desk.

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Kings keep it light as they wait for Sutter

Despite being on the verge of getting their third coach in about a week, it's not all doom and gloom around the Los Angeles Kings these days.

In fact, there were plenty of smiles before Monday's 3-2 win against the Maple Leafs in Toronto. Perhaps it was a sign that interim coach John Stevens was successful in his bid to relax his players with an ice cream run following Sunday's skate.

"We had a little challenge at the end of practice and we stopped at the Dairy Queen on the way home and losers had to buy the winners an ice cream of their choice," said Stevens. "Just something fun, something to occupy their time."

The Kings have been playing under a cloud for a month, resulting in coach Terry Murray's dismissal last week. Stevens is filling in as contract details are finalized with Darryl Sutter, who will take over as head coach later this week according to a league source.

It's an unusual situation — to say the least — but one the players seem to support.

"I think (GM) Dean (Lombardi) might have handled it right in not going behind Terry's back and try to look for a head coach," said forward Mike Richards.

"He's a smart guy, we trust his instincts and trust what he's doing with the team." THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I think that everyone is so down emotionally that they're not focusing on their game and playing their best. Finally when we get over that hump, we should be fine."
KINGS DEFENCEMAN DREW DOUGHTY

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▶ Dustin Brown scores the winner for the Kings in the shootout on Monday night.

Brown downs Leafs in the shootout

Reimer makes 40 saves, but Toronto offence fails to get the job done

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The Los Angeles Kings found a way to get past some of their struggles and left the reeling Toronto Maple Leafs in their wake. Dustin Brown scored the only goal of a shootout Monday as the Kings wrapped up a bizarre road trip with a 3-2 victory over the Maple Leafs.

It was an unjust result for Maple Leafs goalie James Reimer, who was splendid with 40 saves only to be let down by his teammates. The only pucks that got behind him in regulation were the result of bad bounces.

Justin Williams and Brown scored in regulation for Los Angeles (15-14-4).

John-Michael Liles and Matt Frattin replied for the Leafs (16-13-4), who have just two wins in the last nine games.

The Kings limped into Toronto having lost six of their last seven games, a stretch that saw coach Terry Murrary lose his job.

But they finally had some good fortune shine on them early in the first period when Drew Doughty fired the puck into the offensive zone along the glass, only to have it kick off a stanchion and directly out in front. Williams calmly collected it and beat Reimer high at 7:54.

It only took a few minutes before Toronto evened the score 1-1. Liles stepped off the point and met the puck as it bounced out from the boards, hammering a shot past Jonathan Quick's glove.

Reimer began to make his presence felt during a second period where his team was outshot 16-4. He kicked a leg out to deny Simon Gagne early on and was only beat after the Kings received their second good break of the evening.

The puck appeared to trickle outside the blue-line — even Doughty appeared to pull up while trying to corral it — but the linesman ruled it onside. Seconds later, it was in the back of the Leafs net after a tic-tac-toe passing play ended up on Brown's stick at 14:58.

That gave them a 2-1 lead heading into the third period, virtually a sure win for the team in the past.

However, Frattin tied it at 2:56 by batting the puck out of midair after a pass from Mikhail Grabovski on the rush. It was the fourth goal of the season for the rookie and set the stage for overtime.

The Kings managed to pull out a victory, setting the stage for the beginning of the Darryl Sutter era. He'll take over as coach from interim boss John Stephens before the Kings host Anaheim on Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"I'm feeling good. I feel like I'm where I want to be and obviously I'm trying to work and just keep improving every day."
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Who turned out the lights?

Power outage at San Francisco's Candlestick Park delays start of Steelers-49ers game by 20 minutes

The start of Monday's San Francisco 49ers-Pittsburgh Steelers game was delayed by 20 minutes because of a power outage at Candlestick Park.

The power throughout the stadium went off about 25 minutes before the scheduled kickoff of 5:40 local time Monday. The public address system stopped working and fans were left in the dark until an emergency light came on in the far corner of the stadium.

A 49ers team spokesman said transformers appeared to fail outside the stadium. City engineers were working to switch the power over to the backup generators.

Joe Molica, a spokesman for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. said the power company was still investigating the cause of the outage.

"So far I don't know what the cause is yet," Molica said. "We do know that Candlestick was the only customer affected by this outage."

Molica said PG&E and park authorities had made all the routine checks earlier in the day and that all systems appeared to be in order.

He said Candlestick was back up on full power and multiple crews at the park were investigating.

The power first started to come back on in the press box and the scoreboard ring around the stadium about 15 minutes later, drawing cheers from Steelers and 49ers fans. The stadium lights slowly turned on about 10 minutes later.

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▶ San Francisco 49ers cheerleaders perform as the lights are out at Candlestick Park after a power outage.

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Habs' coach contretemps continues

Canadiens owner issues statement amid controversy over new bench boss who can't speak French

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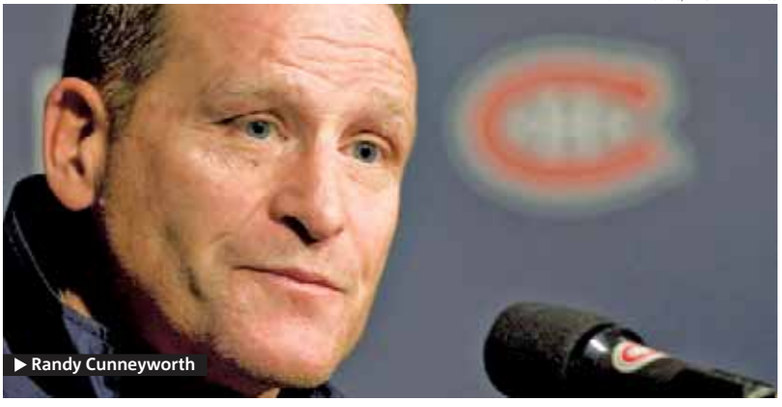

▶ Randy Cunneyworth

The owner of the Montreal Canadiens was forced to issue a public statement Monday amid an explosive clash between hockey and language.

For weeks Quebec has been awash in reports of the perceived erosion of French-language rights, with constant news about companies failing to provide services or hire employees who speak the province' majority language.

Enter the Montreal Canadiens, perhaps Quebec's most cherished institution.

The team once known as the Flying Frenchmen now has almost no francophone players. And on the weekend, it did something that triggered a firestorm of controversy in Quebec — it hired a coach who speaks zero French.

The hiring of Randy Cunneyworth was enough to prompt calls from nationalist fringe groups for a boycott of products related to the Habs. One political commentator even suggested local hockey journalists should refuse to address Cunneyworth in English.

And Quebec's entire political class predictably weighed in, with politicians of every stripe calling the move unacceptable.

Habs owner Geoff Molson responded with a statement, crafted so cautiously it could have been penned by a political speechwriter.

In it, Molson performed a delicate two-step. First he explained why Cunneyworth was the right man for the job, then in the next paragraph stressed how important French is to the organization.

Molson explained that Cunneyworth was hired because he is talented and also, as the team's assistant coach, is in the best position to step in immediately and help the team win.

Cunneyworth was hired with a unique title — as interim coach for the rest of the season.

"The action was taken to remedy the situation without further delay," Molson said. "Randy Cunneyworth is a qualified and experienced coach who has earned the respect of the players and everyone within the organisation."

Molson pointed out that the position will be re-evaluated at the end of the season.

He said language will be a factor when, after the season, the team has to hire a permanent coach. He said finding a coach who can win is the main priority, but language ability will also count.

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Mixing politics and hockey

The Quebec government has weighed in on the hiring of a Canadiens coach who can't speak French — and it isn't pleased.

- **The province's culture minister** says she expects the Habs to correct the situation.
- **Christine St-Pierre** isn't quite calling for the firing of new coach Randy Cunneyworth.
- **But she says the Habs** have given the impression his hiring is temporary, and she takes them at their word.

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Buffalo	32	16	13	2	1	89	94	35	8-9-2-1	8-4-0-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Winnipeg	32	15	13	3	1	89	97	34	11-5-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Ottawa	33	15	14	2	2	102	116	34	8-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Washington	31	16	14	0	1	91	96	33	10-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Montreal	34	13	14	2	5	87	92	33	5-7-2-4	8-7-0-1	3-4-0-3	L3
Tampa Bay	32	14	16	0	2	87	107	28	8-5-0-0	6-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	30	10	14	4	2	69	97	26	6-8-3-0	4-6-1-2	5-3-2-1	W1
Carolina	34	10	18	4	2	86	116	26	6-9-0-2	4-9-4-0	2-6-2-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	33	21	8	1	3	111	98	46	11-2-0-3	10-6-1-0	8-1-0-1	W5
d-Minnesota	33	20	8	2	3	84	72	45	10-4-1-2	10-4-1-1	7-1-0-2	L3
d-San Jose	30	17	10	2	1	86	74	37	10-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	4-4-1-1	W2
St. Louis	32	19	9	0	4	82	69	42	13-3-0-1	6-6-0-3	7-1-0-2	W1
Detroit	31	20	10	1	0	104	69	41	13-2-1-0	7-8-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Vancouver	32	19	11	0	2	106	80	40	8-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	32	17	11	3	1	85	84	38	8-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	W5
Dallas	31	18	12	0	1	80	86	37	9-4-0-1	9-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Phoenix	32	16	13	1	2	84	85	35	7-7-1-1	9-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	33	15	14	2	2	72	81	34	8-9-0-1	7-5-2-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Calgary	33	14	15	2	2	82	94	32	8-5-1-1	6-10-1-1	4-3-1-2	L4
Edmonton	32	14	15	0	3	87	87	31	9-5-0-2	5-10-0-1	2-7-0-1	L3
Colorado	33	15	17	1	0	88	100	31	9-9-0-0	6-8-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Anaheim	32	9	18	2	3	75	105	23	7-9-1-0	2-9-1-3	3-6-1-0	L2
Columbus	33	9	20	1	3	80	111	22	6-10-1-1	3-10-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 3 Montreal 2
Los Angeles 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Anaheim at Dallas
Philadelphia at Colorado
Detroit at Edmonton
Minnesota at Vancouver

Sunday's results
Chicago 4 Calgary 2
Florida 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
St. Louis 6 Columbus 4

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Phoenix at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

KINGS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Williams 5 (Doughty, Scuderi) 7:54
2. Toronto, Liles 4 (Bozak) 11:01

Penalties — Westgarth LA (holding) 5:19, Clifford LA, Rosehill Tor (fighting) 7:57, Lupul Tor (slashing) 11:47, Lewis LA (tripping) 14:29, Greene LA (roughing), Schenn Tor (boarding) 18:47, Phaneuf Tor (cross-checking) 19:23.

Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Brown 7 (Gagne, Kopitar) 14:58 (pp)

Penalties — Westgarth LA (high-sticking) 4:49, Schenn Tor (tripping) 14:05, Williams LA (high-sticking) 15:23, Franson Tor (interference) 17:44, Brown LA (high-sticking) 18:12.

Third Period
4. Toronto, Frattin 4 (Grabovski, Kulemin) 2:56

Penalty — Liles Tor (cross-checking) 4:09.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout
Los Angeles wins 1-0
Los Angeles (1) — Stoll, miss; Kopitar, miss; Brown, goal. **Toronto (0)** — Kessel, miss; Frattin, miss; Lupul, miss.

Shots

Los Angeles	14	16	10	2—42
Toronto	15	4	10	4—33

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,13-10-4); Toronto: Reimer (L,5-3-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-5; Toronto: 0-5. **Referees** — Greg Kimmerly, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Brad Kovachik. **Attendance** — 19,525 (18,819) at Toronto.

BRUINS 3, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Boston, Pouliot 6 (Peverley) 12:13
2. Montreal, Plekanec 7 (Cammalleri, Moen) 13:26

Penalties — None.

Second Period
3. Boston, Krejci 6 (Ference) 2:42

Penalties — Horton Bos (hooking) 3:50, Gorges Mtl (interference) 11:24, Leblanc Mtl (double high-sticking) 16:23.

Third Period
4. Boston, Marchand 12 (Seguin, Bergeron) 14:14
5. Montreal, Cole 13 (Desharnais, Pacioretty) 18:46

Penalty — Hamill Bos (cross-checking) 5:44.

Shots

Montreal	9	9	17	35
Boston	9	11	11	31

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,12-11-7); Boston: Thomas (W,16-5-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-2; Boston: 0-3. **Referees** — Paul Devorski, Rob Martell. **Linesmen** — Pierre Champoux, Bryan Pancich. **Attendance** — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

GOLF

WORLD RANKING

FINAL

1. Luke Donald	Eng	10.03
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	8.06
3. Rory McIlroy	Nir	7.77
4. Martin Kaymer	Deu	6.55
5. Adam Scott	Aus	5.50
6. Steve Stricker	USA	5.33
7. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.27
8. Jason Day	Aus	5.07
9. Charl Schwartzel	Zaf	5.06
10. Webb Simpson	USA	5.03
11. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.71
12. Nick Watney	USA	4.69
13. Graeme McDowell	Nir	4.55
14. Phil Mickelson	USA	4.47
15. K.J. Choi	Kor	4.31
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	3.88
17. Sergio Garcia	Esp	3.87
18. Justin Rose	Eng	3.84
19. Hunter Mahan	USA	3.76
20. Paul Casey	Eng	3.73
21. Bubba Watson	USA	3.69
22. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.68
23. Tiger Woods	USA	3.59
24. Robert Karlsson	Swe	3.55
25. Kim Kyung-Tae	Kor	3.52
26. David Toms	USA	3.50
27. Bill Haas	USA	3.43
28. Simon Dyson	Eng	3.38
29. Bo Van Pelt	USA	3.37
30. Bae Sang-moon	Kor	3.28
31. Keegan Bradley	USA	3.26
32. Rickie Fowler	USA	3.24
33. Jason Dufner	USA	3.21
34. Anders Hansen	Dnk	3.17
35. Thomas Bjorn	Dnk	3.16
36. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	3.13
37. Zach Johnson	USA	3.09
38. Brandt Snedeker	USA	3.09
39. Fredrik Jacobson	Swe	3.08
40. Louis Oosthuizen	Zaf	3.07
41. Francesco Molinari	Ita	3.05
42. Peter Hanson	Swe	2.97
43. John Senden	Aus	2.91
44. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	2.88
45. Y.E. Yang	Kor	2.84
46. Aaron Baddeley	Aus	2.79
47. Martin Laird	Sco	2.76
48. Darren Clarke	Nir	2.74
49. Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	Esp	2.73
50. Jim Furyk	USA	2.73

HOCKEY

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
St. John's	29	17	7	4	1	106	89	39
Manchester	31	18	11	0	2	83	79	38
Worcester	26	13	7	3	3	73	64	32
Portland	28	13	12	1	2	74	87	29
Providence	31	13	15	1	2	66	92	29

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Connecticut	28	16	8	1	3	90	81	36
Adirondack	28	15	11	1	1	82	75	32
Albany	28	12	11	3	2	65	86	29
Springfield	28	13	14	1	0	79	78	27
Bridgeport	29	11	14	3	1	80	100	26

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Hershey	29	16	8	3	2	106	86	37
W-B/Scranton	29	16	8	1	4	89	78	37
Norfolk	30	18	11	0	1	112	87	37
Syracuse	27	12	12	2	1	88	90	27
Binghamton	31	11	18	1	1	72	93	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	29	15	10	3	1	83	77	34
Rochester	29	12	12	4	1	80	86	29
Lake Erie	29	13	14	1	1	69	73	28
Grand Rapids	28	12	13	1	2	84	87	27
Hamilton	28	11	13	1	3	60	85	26

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	30	17	11	1	1	82	77	36
Milwaukee	26	17	8	0	1	80	67	35
Chicago	27	13	10	1	3	72	73	30
Peoria	31	14	15	1	1	95	93	30
Rockford	28	11	14	1	2	89	102	25

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Oklahoma City	29	20	7	0	2	87	65	42
Houston	30	16	5	2	7	88	75	41
Abbotsford	29	19	8	2	0	75	67	40
San Antonio	28	14	14	0	0	66	80	28
Texas	27	12	14	0	1	80	83	25

Note: Two point awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Last night's result
Albany at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

Sunday's results
Hamilton 3 Abbotsford 2 (OT)
St. John's 5 Portland 2
Chicago 2 Toronto 1
Binghamton 4 Adirondack 1
Charlotte 3 Oklahoma City 2 (SO)
Manchester 3 Worcester 1
Milwaukee 3 Peoria 1
Norfolk 6 Hershey 3
Providence 2 Bridgeport 0
Rochester 6 Houston 3
San Antonio 4 Texas 2

Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Binghamton at Albany, 7 p.m.
Abbotsford at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Lake Erie at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

NBA

PRE-SEASON

Last night's results
Charlotte 79 Atlanta 77
Utah at Portland
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers

Sunday's results
Boston 76 Toronto 75
Miami 118 Orlando 85
Oklahoma City 106 Dallas 92

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA BOWL GLANCE

All Times Eastern
(subject to change)

Saturday's results
NEW MEXICO BOWL
At Albuquerque
Temple 37 Wyoming 15
FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL
At Boise, Idaho
Ohio 24 Utah State 23
NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Louisiana-Lafayette 32 San Diego State 30

Tonight's game
BEEF 'O'BRADY'S BOWL
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (6-6) vs. FIU (8-4), 8 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
POINSETTIA BOWL
At San Diego
Texas Christian (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 8 p.m.

Thursday's game
MAACO BOWL
At Las Vegas
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 8 p.m.

Saturday's game
HAWAII BOWL
At Honolulu
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26
INDEPENDENCE BOWL
At Shreveport, La.
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL
At Detroit
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 4:30 p.m.
BELK BOWL
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28
MILITARY BOWL
At Washington
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 4:30 p.m.
HOLIDAY BOWL
At San Diego
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 8 p.m.

NFL

WEEK 15

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	311	371

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071	211	395

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	334	236
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	358	313
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	382
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division

Last night's result
Pittsburgh at San Francisco

Sunday's results
New Orleans 42 Minnesota 20
Seattle 38 Chicago 14
Cincinnati 20 St. Louis 13
Carolina 28 Houston 13
Kansas City 19 Green Bay 14
Indianapolis 27 Tennessee 13
Miami 30 Buffalo 23
Washington 23 N.Y. Giants 10
Detroit 28 Oakland 27
New England 41 Denver 23
Arizona 20 Cleveland 17 (OT)
Philadelphia 45 N.Y. Jets 19
San Diego 34 Baltimore 14

Saturday's result
Dallas 31 Tampa Bay 15

Thursday's result
Atlanta 41 Jacksonville 14

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Concussion keeps Browns QB McCoy off the field

Colt McCoy has improved from his concussion. However, his status for this week, the rest of the season — and beyond — remains blurred.

Browns coach Pat Shurmur said Monday that McCoy has not been medically cleared to practise or play. No decision has been made on who will start at quarterback Saturday when Cleveland visits the Baltimore Ravens.

McCoy suffered a concussion on Dec. 8 when he was blasted on an illegal helmet-to-face mask hit by Pittsburgh linebacker James Harrison, who was suspended for the Steelers' game in San Francisco as punishment for the devastating shot.

Seneca Wallace started in McCoy's place Sunday at Arizona, and the veteran backup had some nice moments while passing for 226 yards and a touchdown in the Browns' 20-17 overtime loss.

Shurmur said McCoy was "improving and getting better" but avoided any QB controversy — for the moment — by saying it's too early to know if McCoy will be healthy enough to practice or face the Ravens.

"I'm going to cross that bridge when they're both healthy," he said. "Right now, until Colt's healthy, we're going to go with Seneca."

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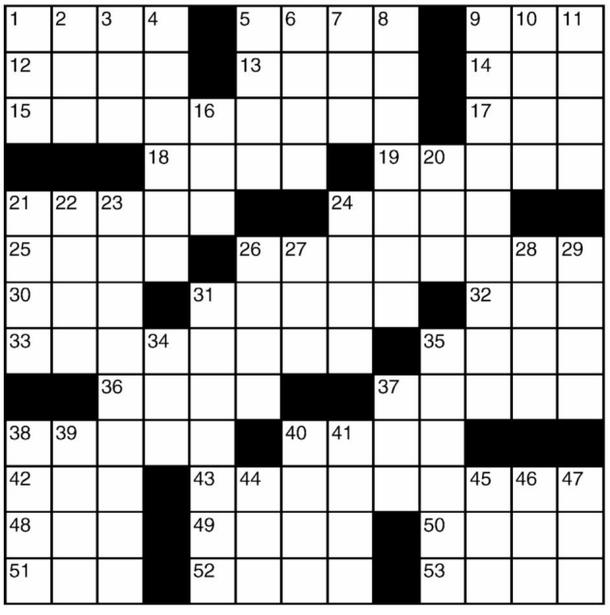

Across

1 Grand tale
5 Advantage
9 Dine
12 Isinglass
13 Abound
14 Paid athlete
15 Dramatic public display
17 Id counterpart
18 Conversation
19 Indy car, e.g.
21 Fill the tank
24 Neighbour of Java
25 Tears
26 T-bars, e.g.
30 Citric beverage
31 Beg
32 A Gershwin brother
33 Parts of Sunday's newspaper
35 God (Lat.)
36 Actress Skye
37 Factions
38 Greedy kid's demand
40 Dalai —
42 Praise in verse
43 Theorize
48 Coffee break hour
49 Throat-clearing sound
50 One
51 Owns
52 Toll road
53 Maze option

Down

1 Type measures
2 Spot on a domino
3 Lemieux milieu
4 Desert plant
5 Catchall abbr.
6 52 cards
7 Hair goop
8 Green stone
9 Gave details
10 Incite
11 Indigent
16 Spigot
20 "The Greatest"
21 Mardi —
22 Staffer
23 Samples
24 Prejudice
26 — gin fizz
27 "Jeopardy!" legend Jennings
28 Verifiable
29 Lip
31 Conifer exudation
34 Cruise or Selleck
35 Broadband ancestor
37 Dallas sch.
38 Morbid style of rock music
39 Concept
40 Welsh emblem
41 Pinnacle
44 — Beta Kappa
45 Literary collection
46 — for tat
47 Biblical verb ending

▶ Yesterday's answer

P	I	E	S		K	I	D		P	A	C	T		
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T	H	E	L	M	A		F	R	O					
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Sudoku

3								9
			2		9			
	5	9	6		8	7	1	
	3			5			4	
2								5
	6			1			9	
	4	8	7		5	1	2	
			8		4			
7								6

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	4	7	8	6	9	3	2	5
2	8	5	4	3	7	9	6	1
3	9	6	1	5	2	4	7	8
6	5	2	9	8	3	1	4	7
7	1	8	5	2	4	6	9	3
9	3	4	7	1	6	5	8	2
5	2	9	3	4	8	7	1	6
4	6	1	2	7	5	8	3	9
8	7	3	6	9	1	2	5	4

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Why stress yourself out when with the same amount of effort you can have a great deal of fun?

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will be tempted to go to extremes in your personal life today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Put money worries behind you and do something that makes you feel good about yourself. If you feel the need to get away, just go.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Promise yourself here and now that no matter what happens over the next few days you won't overreact.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A few days from now you may look back and feel guilty about some of the things you said and did.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You won't hesitate to help someone in need today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Someone you meet while working or pursuing a creative interest will get your heart racing today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You enjoy doing what others say cannot (or should not) be done, but don't get carried away and do something that leaves a black mark against your name.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Do something different today, something no one would expect you to do.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may want to impress someone who means a lot to you but don't go over the top.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You have nothing to worry about and everything to look forward to.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Think with your head but feel with your heart. Listen to what your heart tells you today — and act on it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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